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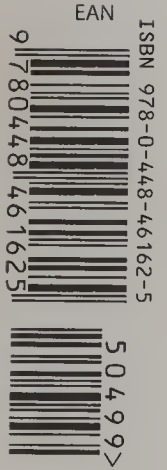

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ALWAYS LEARNING PEARSON

It was Christmastime in Berry Bitty City! Strawberry Shortcake, Lemon Meringue, and Raspberry Torte were taking a walk through town to see how their friends were getting ready for the holiday.

"Don't you just love this time of year?" asked Strawberry as they watched Orange Blossom and Plum Pudding hang decorations.

"I love all the twinkling lights," exclaimed Lemon.

"I love all the music!" said Raspberry as they listened to Cherry Jam and Blueberry Muffin rehearse Christmas carols.

"We should do something to make this year extra special," said Lemon.

"Yes!" agreed Raspberry.

"Hmm . . . ," said Strawberry as she watched
Postmaster Bumblebee deliver holiday packages.

"I know!" said Strawberry. "Let's exchange gifts! We'll draw names and then get a present for the friend whose name we choose. But don't tell anyone who you picked. That way, each gift will be a berry special and unique surprise!"

"What a great idea!" everyone agreed.

Later, over lunch at Strawberry's café, Lemon wrote down each girl's name and put them in Strawberry's hat. Everyone took turns choosing a name.

When Strawberry reached into the hat, she drew Blueberry's name, and when Blueberry's turn came . . .

Blueberry drew Strawberry's name!

After they finished eating, the girls went home to plan their gifts.

All the next day, Strawberry tried hard to think of the perfect present for Blueberry.

"Blueberry is one of my berry best friends," Strawberry told Pupcake and Custard. "I want to give her something fruitastic!"

Meanwhile, Blueberry knew exactly what to give Strawberry. She hurried to Raspberry's boutique.

At the boutique, Blueberry found the sparkly berry charm that Strawberry had been wanting for her charm bracelet.

"When Strawberry sees my gift, she'll know how important she is to me," thought Blueberry.

"I'd like to trade this for the charm," said Blueberry as she handed something to Raspberry.

"Blueberry, isn't that your favorite pen?" cried Raspberry.

"It is," Blueberry replied. "I love my pen, but I know someone who will love this charm even more."

It was almost Christmas, and Strawberry still had no idea what to give Blueberry. Then she spotted a pretty journal at Orange's store.

"This is perfect for Blueberry!" thought Strawberry. "She can write in it with her favorite pen!"

"I'd like to trade my charm bracelet for this journal," Strawberry told Orange.
"But, Strawberry, you love that bracelet!" exclaimed Orange. "Are you sure?"
"I'm sure," replied Strawberry. "This journal will make a great friend berry happy."

The next day was Christmas! The girls gathered at Plum's dance studio to open presents.

Plum went first. "A new dance outfit!" she cried. "Thank you, Raspberry!"

Plum gave Cherry her gift. "A fancy guitar case!" exclaimed Cherry.

"A new sewing kit!" said Raspberry when she opened Orange's gift.

Then Lemon gave Orange some glittery hair clips, and the girls danced to the special song that Cherry had written for Lemon.

Finally, Strawberry and Blueberry opened their gifts. But when they saw what was in the packages, they both looked sad.

"What's wrong?" Cherry asked, noticing their sad faces.

"Blueberry, I traded my charm bracelet for your journal!" Strawberry confessed. "I wanted to give you a great gift to make you happy!"

"And I traded my favorite pen for your present!" Blueberry told Strawberry. "I thought that if I got you the charm, you'd know how much I care about you!"

"Blueberry, I don't need a fancy gift to show me how much you care!" exclaimed Strawberry.

"And, Strawberry, your friendship is what makes me happy," said Blueberry. "In fact, spending the holidays with all my friends is the best gift I can think of!"

"Wait!" said Orange. "There are a couple more presents to open!"

"More gifts?" asked Strawberry, confused.

Orange and Raspberry handed both Strawberry and Blueberry another present. Inside the boxes were . . .

. . . Strawberry's bracelet and Blueberry's pen!

"We couldn't let you give away your favorite things!" said Orange.

"Thank you!" cried Strawberry and Blueberry together. "You are the best. And this is the merriest Christmas ever!"

It's Christmastime in Berry Bitty City! S
friends celebrate by surprising
But when Strawberry and Blue
on Christmas Day, they discover that they've given each other things they can't use! Can the girls still make this the berry best Christmas yet?

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